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Appl. no. 10/688,583
Atty. ref. SAT.P.US0007
IN001b

REMARKS

Status of claims

Claims 3, 5, 7-13, and 19-29 presently are pending; of these, claims 19 and 25 are independent.

Claims 9 and 19 have been amended to remove optional limitations objected to in the 12/19 Action.

Comments concerning the amended claims

Removal of allegedly objectionable optional clauses removes issues prior to appeal and present no new prosecution issues. Accordingly, entry after final rejection is proper.

Removal of optional limitations is not to be read as a disavowal of such subject matter. Instead, claims 9 and 19 as amended read on all fibers or filaments regardless of whether or not treated (claim 9) and all fabric layers regardless of whether or not primed (claim 19).

Twenty claims, including two independent claims, are pending; thus, no additional claim fee is due.

This amendment is being submitted within the shortened statutory period and, accordingly, does not require a fee for consideration. Because it is being submitted within two months of the mailing date of the 12/19 Action, the time for taking further action will be the latter of the mailing of an Advisory Action or 20 March 2006.

Inquiries concerning this submission, as well as other questions concerning the application, should be directed to the attention of the those associated with Customer No. 46588.

Respectfully submitted,



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